

March 22, 2011

The Life of Joan Olson

- Services for Joan Olson, 87, of Andover will be 11 a.m., Friday, March 25 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. The Rev. Matt Richards will officiate. Burial will be held in the Andover City Cemetery.
- Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness funeral chapel from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.
- Joan died March 19, 2011 at Sanford Hospital in Webster.
- Joan Winifred Katus was born to Emmanuel and Cora (Watkins) Katus on February 27, 1924 in rural Watauga, South Dakota. At a young age her family moved to Arizona for a short time before moving back to Lemmon. Her father passed away when she



was 8 years old. Her mother then moved her and her sister to northeast Indiana, where an aunt lived. Joan attended school in Angola, Indiana, graduating with the class of 1943. Employment opportunities after High School included working at a cracker factory and later for Lincoln Mutual Life Insurance Company of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

- On a family vacation back to visit relatives in South Dakota, she met her life mate. Joan married Raymond Olson of Claremont on February 2, 1947 in Angola, Indiana. They returned to the Olson family farm, where Joan became a homemaker.
- She enjoyed watching the various birds of the area and working in her flower garden. In 1972, Raymond and Joan decided to increase their farming operation and moved to the area southeast of Andover, where she resided until her death.
- Joan was a member of the Andover United Methodist Church and was active on the church board and in Ladies Aid. She enjoyed dancing and watching her son race at the local dirt tracks. She also truly enjoyed coffee at the local watering hole where a lot of friendships were made.
- Celebrating her life through memories is her son, Clark Timothy "Tim" Olson of Andover and his fiancé Denise Brown, her half-brother, Donn Griffin of New Haven, Indiana, future step-granddaughters, Caroline Brown of Aberdeen and Alexis Brown of Watertown and great-grandson, Charlie, also of Watertown. Joan is survived by many nieces and nephews.
- Preceding her in death was her husband, Raymond in 1989, her daughter, Penny Ilene in 1963, her parents, stepfather, Henry Griffin and one sister, Ilene Ridenour.
- Casketbearers will be Larry Schultz, Brad Morehouse, Dennis Marske, Jim McKane III, Gene Raap and Dan Olson.